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Soviet Troop Trains in the Area of the Fourth GDR Mech Army

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1. Troop trains passing through the Satz Korn railroad station on 5, 6 and 7 June 1954 included:

Time	Date in June	Composition of Troop Trains	From Direction of	Toward
0900	5	8 cars with a load	Wildpark trucks	Fuerstenberg/Havel
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1300	6	17 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars with 8 x 85-mm AA guns, 1 sedan, 2 repair-shop trucks, 1 tank truck, 1 field kitchen and 24 trucks	Sperenberg	Neubukow
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0900	6	12 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars with 8 x 85-mm AA guns, 1 repair-shop truck, 2 field kitchens, 2 motorcycles, and 29 trucks	Sperenberg	Neubukow
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1700	6	undetermined with five disassembled jet aircraft	Klaus	Elsthal
0630	7	7 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars with 6 x 37-mm AA guns, and 8 trucks	Jueterbog	Neuruppin

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2. At about 0700 on 3 June, a troop train of 6 boxcars with soldiers, and an undetermined number of flatcars with 6 AA guns probably of 37 mm, and about 20 trucks passed through the Freienwalde railroad station. The train came from the direction of Eberswalde and went toward Frankfurt/Oder. 4

3. At 1600 on 31 May, a troop train of an undetermined number of cars with 8 to 10 trucks carrying pontoons, and two side-rack flatcars with barked logs, was sidetracked at the Eberswalde railroad station. At about 2100, the train was no longer there.

4. At 1430 on 29 May, about 200 troops with red-bordered black epaulets, 18 trucks and 15 tank trucks were assembled for loading at the Oranienburg freight station. [] the troops came from the Sachsenhausen concentration camp. 5

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5. Troop trains observed at the Oranienburg freight station on 29 May and 1 June included: a train of 18 boxcars with soldiers and an undetermined number of flatcars with 14 trucks, 3 three-axle tank trucks, and 3 prime movers at 1700 on 29 May, 5 and another train of an undetermined number of cars with 12x45-mm AT guns, 6 x 122-mm artillery pieces, 30 trucks, 1 tank truck, and 1 field kitchen at 2045 on 1 June. 6 The two trains were without locomotives.

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1. [] Comment. [] the train carried a signal unit of the GOFU.

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2. [] Comment. The two troop trains carried contingents of the 2d Cds AAA Div from Sperenberg to the Wustrow AAA Range.

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3. [] Comment. The five jet aircraft probably belong to the fighter regiment which transferred from Altenburg to Doberitz in mid-May 1954.

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4. [] Comment. On 7 May 1954, the troop train [] carried an air force AAA unit from Brand airfield to Wustrow for combat firing practice. On 3 June 1954, the above unit possibly returned to its home airfield via Eberswalde, Bad Freienwalde and Frankfurt/Oder. Brand airfield was newly occupied by a bomber unit in the second half of May 1954.

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5. [] Comment. Components of the 25th Tank Div from the Sachsenhausen concentration camp probably were entrained at Oranienburg. The troop train [] probably went to the Templin troop training grounds.

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6. [] Comment. Other reports indicate that, on 1 June 1954, three troop trains carried artillery units of the 9th Cds Tank Div from Neustrelitz to Luckenwalde for combat firing practice at the Jueterbog troop training grounds. The combat firing practice terminated on 4 June 1954. One of the above troop trains was observed passing through Oranienburg en route to Luckenwalde on 1 June 1954.

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